Mumbai Airport

(i) Simultaneous operations of the two runways are done for 8 hours between 0530-0930 and 1500-1900 IST daily to reduce the delays for departing traffic. (ii) New procedures on PBN are being developed for early implementation. (iii) Additional ATC positions in tower approach have been opened. (iv) An additional taxiway development is underway.

(c) & (d) At Delhi Airport, CAT-IIIB Instrument Landing System has been commissioned which permits operations of aircrafts upto a runway visual range of 50 mts. during fog. Advanced Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (ASMGCS) with Surface Movement Radar (SMR) has been implemented. During period of fog. ASMGCS and SMR help in maintaining surveillance of aircrafts and vehicles on ground to ensure greater safety of flight operations. Delhi International Airport Limited has constructed CAT IIIB compliant taxiways and parking bays. Airlines have also been asked to enhance their capability to operate under Cat-III/II conditions. Additional seating space outside Domestic Terminal IB with food outlets will be provided. Directorate General of Civil Aviation has also issued detailed guidelines, on 12.11.2007, for aircrafts operations during low visibility conditions for compliance by airlines/ airport operators.

Revival of Jharsuguda and Jamadarpali Airports in Orissa

168. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to revive Jharsuguda airport in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the time-frame within which it would be completed;

(c) whether it is also proposed to revive Jamadarpali airstrip in Sambalpur, Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On a request from State Government of Orissa, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has a plan to revive Jharsuguda airport in Orissa in Phases subject to the State Government providing additional land required for the development of the airport free of cost and free of all encumbrances.

(c) and (d) Jamdarpali airstrip in Orissa belongs to the State Government. No scheduled airline operator has requested to operate through this airstrip. Therefore, AAI has no plan for development of this airstrip at present.

Incidents of bird-hits

169. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that cases of bird hit flights are increasing day by day in the country;

(b) whether Government are also aware that recently a flight at Nagpur and another in Jaipur made emergency landing due to bird hit;

(c) if so, what safety measures have been taken by Government at various airports in the country; and